

REMARKS

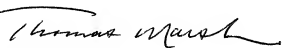
In the Office Action mailed December 19, 2006, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 18-21, and indicated that Claims 14-17 and 22-37 would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome rejections raised under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant believes that the noted claim rejections have been overcome.

In turn, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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